



NPS/LYNETTE SPRAGUE-FALK

## How to Quest

Quest clues and maps—created by teachers, volunteers, and/or park staff—will help you discover the natural and cultural gems of the Ohio & Erie Canalway. At the end of each quest is a hidden treasure box. Sign your name in the logbook, stamp this page, and return the box to its hiding place.

STAMP HERE

**The questing season runs from April 15 through November 15.**

Notice a problem or have suggestions for improving this quest? Contact Arrye Rosser at 440-546-5992 or [arrye\\_rosser@nps.gov](mailto:arrye_rosser@nps.gov).

## About This Program

I'm Arrye Rosser, interpretive and education specialist at Cuyahoga Valley National Park. I'd like to thank everyone who helped fulfill my dream of bringing questing to Ohio. This project was made possible by the generous support of a 2010 Parks as Classrooms grant from the National Park Service and is a partnership between many organizations.

So far, more than 70 teachers, volunteers, and park staff have been involved in writing and field testing our initial series of Canalway Quests. Our plan is to create many more in the years ahead. If you would like to volunteer, contact me at 440-546-5992 or [arrye\\_rosser@nps.gov](mailto:arrye_rosser@nps.gov).

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The Ohio & Erie Canalway celebrates the rails, trails, landscapes, towns, and sites that grew up along the first 110 miles of the canal that helped Ohio and our nation grow.

**For more information and to get copies of other quests, visit [www.nps.gov/cuva](http://www.nps.gov/cuva) and search for keyword "questing."**



*This quest was written by Steve Testa and Andreas Johansson, teachers from Nordonia High School.*



Canal Visitor Center. NPS/TED TOTTH

## Canalway Quest

### Hell's Half Acre Quest

Take a short, easy stroll around Canal Visitor Center, learning canal history through haiku.

## Planning Ahead

This treasure hunt takes about 30 minutes. Allow extra time to see the visitor center. Most surfaces are flat and paved, but there are some stairs. You will need a pen or pencil to sign the logbook. Some people prefer using their own signature stamp and ink pad or marker.

## Getting There

Start outside Canal Visitor Center, 7104 Canal Road (at the intersection of Canal and Hillside roads), Valley View, Ohio 44125. The visitor center is open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You do not need to go inside to complete this quest, but this is a great place to learn more about canal life.

## Clues

Clues are written in five-seven-five syllables—  
A quest in haiku!

A journey around  
Canal Visitor Center.  
Stop at stars on map.

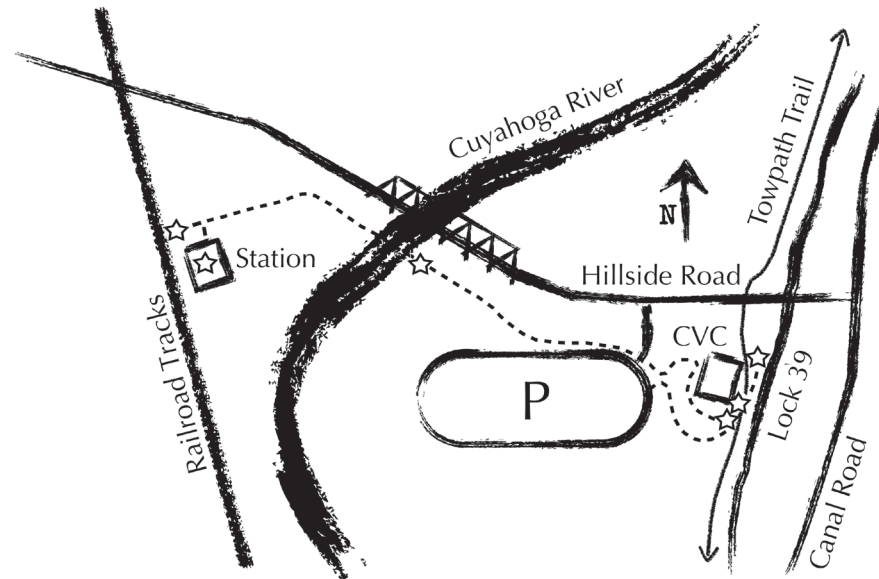
- ☆ Head for the doughnut,  
the one that will save your life.  
Find it by the lock.

Mid-1800s  
packet boats hauled the people  
to nation's frontier.

O & E Canal,  
forty feet wide, four feet deep,  
three hundred miles long.

Thirty cents per day  
plus a jigger of whiskey—  
men would dig by hand.

Head for the footbridge.  
How many steps did you take  
traveling northward?



- ☆ Exhibit explains  
wooden beams move northern gates.  
Try to push. Can you?

Wickets for water  
control the flow in and out.  
Cleveland is downstream.

An operator  
would guide the horses with ease  
not too fast or slow.

- ☆ Face the house: Hell's Half  
Acre, its name from the past.  
Read photo display.

A traveler's rest—  
at times a home, a store, and  
tavern meeting place.

Find the path 'round back.  
Pass back doors for restrooms and  
auditorium.

Up the stairs you go,  
like locks, the steps for water.  
Bridges ahead. Hike!

- ☆ Stay on the footpath.  
Rest on the bridge that's smallest.  
How far up are you?

The crooked river  
named Cuyahoga, winding  
north, south, north again.

- ☆ Yellow building west:  
railroad depot now, not then.  
Go there, discover!

Canal's replacement,  
Iron Horse in the Valley  
today makes eight stops.

Face the railroad tracks.  
Go to the platform entrance.  
Do not walk on wood.

- ☆ Four steps left on grass.  
First post anchors the platform,  
treasure at the base.

Keep it a secret.  
Lift up the wooden cover  
when no one's looking.

You will find a box.  
It has a stamp and logbook.  
Sign it, leave a note.

Back the way you came.  
Be on your toes as you cross  
the bridge and driveway.

Now you are done at  
Canal Visitor Center.  
You've seen history!